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FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND CYLINDER APPARATUS

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 19, 2008 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Response to Official Action of September 19, 2008

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.